


November 25, 1981

Memo to File:

RE: American Gilsonite Company
Bonanza Mine
Uintah County, Utah
ACT/047/010

On September 30, 1981, Sandy Pruitt, Joe Helfrich, and Gilbert Hunt of the Division's staff, while in the area, visited with Mr. Paul Fessenden, Bonanza Mine's superintendent. He said American Gilsonite is currently mining the Cowboy, Independent, Bonanza, Wagongound, Harrison and Little Emma veins. They are also in the process of reclaiming some old slurry ponds. The Gilsonite is being extracted from the bottom of the ponds and cleaned by a floatation recovery process. This job is estimated to take 3 to 5 years. Mr. Fessenden informed us that his company would be moving off some of the present shaft sites to new sites within a year. Each of the shaft sites is small in areal extent and require minimal effort to reclaim. Due to the interest of time, a field inspection was not initiated.

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